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SUBJECT: ENHANCE PLUS

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1. WE NOW CONCLUDE WE URGENTLY REQUIRE UP TO 16 ADDITIONAL F-5A AIRCRAFT FOR PROJECT ENHANCE PLUS. AIR FORCE ESTIMATES DISASSEMBLING CREWS WILL BE COMPLETING THEIR WORK ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN POSITION TO KEEP THEM ON IN IRAN TO FINISH THE JOB.

2. ACCORDINGLY AMBASSADOR SHOULD SEE SHAH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SEEK COMMITMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL UP TO 16 AIRCRAFT. (FYI: EXACT NUMBER DEPENDS UPON DISCUSSION NOW PROCEEDING WITH GRC AND WE CAN INFORM YOU OF THIS WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS. YOU SHOULD NOT DELAY APPROACH TO SHAH FOR THIS NUMBER. END FYI).

3. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 2A OF REF B, AND IN ADDITION TO POINTS YOU ALREADY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE IN REF A, YOU MAY STATE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO ADVANCE SLIGHTLY DELIVERY DATE FOR F-4ES FROM JULY 73 TO AS EARLY AS MAY 73. IF YOU FEEL

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THIS WOULD BE USEFUL IN DEALING WITH SHAH. THIS SCHEDULE PREMISED ON PRODUCTION OF ONE AIRCRAFT EACH IN APRIL AND IN MAY FOR 11AF. SECONDLY, YOU MAY TELL SHAH THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CREDIT PRESENTLY LEASED 8 F-4E'S TO TOTAL BUY OF F-4S FOR 11AF. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT PRESENT F-4E'S DO NOT HAVE WING SLATS AND OTHER IMPROVED CHARACTERISTICS WHICH 1973 PRODUCTION LINE F-4E'S WILL HAVE. WE REGRET THAT AT THIS TIME WE ARE UNABLE TO WORK OUT YOUR SUGGESTION OF CREDITING PORTION OF VALUE OF TRANSFERRED F-5A'S AGAINST SHAH'S BUY OFF F-4E'S.

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